

Here is Education response for you:

Marissa – Thank you for your call this morning. Sending you this note to close the loop as we discussed. The Department of Education will decline to comment on this particular inquiry.

Thank you,

Cameron

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Question from McClatchy

Hello, I am reporting on how federal agencies are implementing President Obama's Oct. 7, 2011, Executive Order 13587 on improving safeguards against unauthorized disclosures of classified information.

Here's the order: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2011/10/07/executive-order-structural-reforms-improve-security-classified-networks->

An October 14, 2011 memo instructed your agency and others to carry out the executive order. I have the following questions:

1. What specific steps has your department taken to implement the EO?
2. Did your self-assessments determine that your department's safeguards against UD's were inadequate? If so, what corrective actions were taken and improvements realized?
3. Has your agency begun providing monthly reports on UD's to the Senior Information Sharing and Safeguarding Steering Committee?
4. Has your agency selected a POC to facilitate this reporting?
5. Have your efforts resulted in increased detection of UD's? If so, how does your agency determine whether they should be handled administratively or referred for criminal investigation?
6. Has your agency encountered any specific problems or objections to implementing the EO? If so, what have they been?

7. Can we get copies of the guidance and standards that your agency has developed for insider threat detection?
8. Can you provide us with your self-assessments or summaries of the assessments?
9. How will you be handling the reporting process by co-workers logistically? Is there going to be a 800 number? Or, internet reporting?
10. Has your agency identified any other "insider threats" as part of your new definition other than leaking classified. Other agencies have identified other insider threats that are unique to their agencies.
11. The Minimum standards call for employee training of the insider threat, specifically with the recognition of insider threat behavior indicators. Can we have copies of the training materials? How about the list of behavior indicators? Does it include on-line behaviors?
12. The Insider Threat point person in each agency is going to have access to a wide range of departments that don't include only security, such as human resources. How do you ensure that someone who goes to human resources for a personal issue is not then turned in to the Insider threat official. For example, someone says they have a personal issue that is part of the behavior for an insider threat. My understanding is that human resources would then have to pass along that information to the Insider Threat official. If so, how does your agency handle that kind of case?
13. Did you agency have to create this program from scratch? If not, what pre-existing office/program are you working with?